(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when would the support price by announced?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) No such assurance has been given by the Prime Minister to the Andhra Pradesh farmers on paddy price.

(c) The Minimum Support Price of Paddy has already been fixed by the Government at Rs. 440 per quintal for common and Rs. 470 per quintal for Grade 'A' variety for 1998-99 Kharif marketing year.

Steps for control of Animal Diseases

1259. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken for the control of animal diseases in the country, State-wise; and

(b) Central funds allotted for the States in this regard, State-wise, for the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Control of animal diseases is a State Subject. However, Government of India is supplementing the efforts of the State and Union Territory Governments by providing financial assistance for control of some economically important animal diseases in the country through the following two Centrally Sponsored Schemes:

(i) Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases with the following three components:

(A) Systematic Control of Livestock Diseases of National Importance,

(B) Foot and Mouth Disease Control, and

(C) Animal Disease Surveillance.

(ii) National Project for Rinderpest Eradication.

(b) Central Funds provided to the States for control of animal diseases during last three years for the above mentioned Schemes are appended at Statement.

Statement

Central funds provided to the State and Union Territory Governments in repect of Control of Animal diseases during last three years:

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
1.	Andhra Pradesh	07.06	68.87	64.58
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	11.25	12.50	18.69
3.	Assam	7.25	10.00	—
4.	Bihar	64.06	35.58	—
5.	Goa	13.75	6.68	19.75
6.	Gujarat	15.28	51.74	58.83
7.	Haryana	90.80	25.00	—
8.	Himachal Pradesh	30.92	29.25	18.26
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	71.80	28.00	24.98
10.	Karnataka	105.60	72.29	165.08
11.	Kerala	71.01	96.02	22.40
12.	Madhya Pradesh	13.50	—	123.64

Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
13.	Maharashtra	59.31	54.74	70.96
14.	Manipur	23.26	17.78	27.64
15.	Meghalaya	21.13	14.57	17.50
16.	Mizoram	13.81	44.41	67.00
17.	Nagaland	11.13	21.06	27.10
18.	Orissa	111.00	159.00	128.48
19.	Punjab	131.00	135.00	53.85
20.	Rajasthan	39.33	44.37	44.64
21.	Sikkim	16.25	12.00	23.50
22.	Tamil Nadu	49.00	150.03	141.99
23.	Tripura	9.48	13.75	13.77
24.	Uttar Pradesh	94.11	80.62	55.41
25.	West Bengal	165.20	76.18	112.00
26.	A & N Islands	10.25	14.25	7.01
27.	Chandigarh	5.75	1.10	3.70
28.	Dadra & N. Haveli	0.53	—	0.80
29.	Daman & Diu	—	—	—
30.	Delhi	49.72	9.59	25.15
31.	Lakshadweep	19.80	—	9.00
32.	Pondicherry	16.80	8.85	8.75
	TOTAL:	1502.49	1313.63	1354.76

Central Scheme for Feed and Fodder Development

1260. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the states under implementation of Central Scheme for Feed and Fodder development; and

(b) the assessment of the sucess of the scheme; State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Central Minikit Testing of Fodder Crops is being implemented in all the States and the Union Territories except Chandigarh, Daman & Diu and Delhi.

Centrally sponsored Scheme of Assistance to States for Feed and Fodder Development is being implemented in all the States except Bihar and Goa, as these States have not submitted any proposals.

(b) No State-wise assessment of the schemes has been under taken. However, achievements of physical and financial targets are monitored annually.

Resignation of NDDB Chairman

1261. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman, National Dairy Development Board, has submitted his resignation and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether his successor has since been selected from amongst the retired bureaucrats and if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not accepting the recommendations made by the outgoing Chairman who has built up this organisation as one of the most successful cooperative movement and largest milk producer in the world? State-wise?